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PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR SOUTH COAST 101 HOV LANES PROJECT NEXT WEEK

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY– The public is invited to attend a Public Hearing/Open House to learn more about the South Coast 101 HOV Lanes project on U.S. Highway 101. These meetings will be held in the following locations:

- Tuesday, April 24 from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Montecito Country Club at 920 Summit Road in Santa Barbara.
- Wednesday, April 25 from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Carpinteria High School Cafeteria at 4810 Foothill Road in Carpinteria.

A brief presentation will be made at 6:00 pm each evening. The public may choose to attend a single meeting as the content will be the same both evenings. Caltrans staff will be available to answer questions from the public.

Caltrans will hold these meetings to allow the public to review project information, design concepts and displays as well as an opportunity to provide written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment.

The project proposes to add new high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on U.S. Highway 101 between Bailard Avenue in the City of Carpinteria and Sycamore Creek (north of Salinas Street) in the City of Santa Barbara. Written comments can be submitted to Caltrans, Attn. Matt Fowler, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA. 93401 or via email to South.Coast.101.HOV@dot.ca.gov no later than May 25, 2012.

For traffic updates on other state highways in Santa Barbara County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-549-3318 or can visit the District 5 website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/sb_101hov/index.html

